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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Central Planning Staff
SUBJECT: Plan for Coordination of Intelligence Research
ENCLOSURES: "A" - Discussion on Number of Basic Committees
"B" - Diagram of Proposed Plan

1. The following plan is submitted for consideration. The discussion is limited, since there has been considerable previous oral discussion and the object now is to find a workable plan without further delay. For the same reason no effort has been made to draw up a detailed directive on the exact implementation of the plan, as it was considered best not to spend more time on details until the broad outlines of a plan are approved. The reasons for selecting a limited number of basic Central Committees are set forth in Enclosure "A". A diagram of the plan is included as Enclosure "B".

2. The "Central Research Coordinating Board" to be set up under the Director of Central Intelligence and Chief of the Central Planning Staff will have as members:

- a. Chief of the Intelligence Branch (Chairman);
- b. Chief of the O.C.L. of the State Department;
- c. Chief of the Intelligence Group, MIS;
- d. Chief of the Foreign Research Section, ONI;
- e. Chief of the Foreign Intelligence Division, A-2; and
- f. By invitation for special projects: Chiefs of Foreign Research Sections of any other Federal agencies.

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3. The Central Research Coordinating Board will be responsible:
- a. For the initiation, development, and coordination of the major problems of Intelligence Research; and
 - b. For the functioning of the framework of specialized committees set up below it.

The fact that the members of this board are the heads of the agency research divisions gives it a direct line of command into all subcommittees set up, as well as a strong agency interest in each problem.

4. Four basic Central Committees are provided for, to be set up under the Central Board and to cover the four major divisions of the field of Foreign Intelligence, i.e., Political, Economic, Military, and Scientific. The members will be the topranking specialists in these fields who come under the Chiefs of Research of the various agencies; by invitation of the Central Board comparable specialists from other agencies and organizations may be included. A member of the Intelligence Branch of C.I.G., C.P.S., will be assigned Ex Officio to each Central Committee as a reporting secretary (rapporteur) to the Central Board, and as a representative of the Director of Central Intelligence. With the approval of the Central Board these Committees will:

- a. Establish schedules for regular meetings;
- b. Set up such a subcommittee structure as from time to time may appear appropriate;
- c. Effect surveys of the research problems of all agencies and initiate projects within their field; and

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d. Arrange the necessary channels of exchange, priority of interest, production, etc.

5. The Intelligence Branch of C.I.O., C.P.B., will act as a Coordinating Staff for the Central Research Coordinating Board and will have a member on each of the Central Committees. This staff will maintain close liaison with the Information Branch and through that Branch with the Central Collection Coordinating Board to insure proper coordination of all projects and prevent duplication of effort.

6. A Publications Review Committee will be set up responsible directly to the Central Research Coordinating Board composed of selected representatives from the agencies and from C.I.O.

7. A Joint Publishing Board will be set up responsible directly to the Central Research Coordinating Board Composed of selected representatives from the agencies and from C.I.O.

8. In conclusion, it is pointed out that this plan is drawn on the assumption that separate boards are to be instituted for the coordination of collection problems and for the coordination of research problems. The Intelligence Branch members, however, feel that it is neither necessary nor advisable to carry this separation down below the level of the Central Committees. The Central Committees should be encouraged in the interests of conserving manpower to merge the collection and research activities of their subordinate committees.

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